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inspectors general, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TED LIEU of California (for himself and Mr. HICE of Georgia) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and
Reform

A BILL

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status of inspectors general, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Inspector General Pro-
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN**
7 **STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

8 (a) CHANGE IN STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
9 OFFICES.—Section 3(b) of the Inspector General Act of
10 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “, is placed on paid or unpaid
2 non-duty status,” after “is removed from office”;

3 (2) by inserting “, change in status,” after
4 “any such removal”; and

5 (3) by inserting “, change in status,” after “be-
6 fore the removal”.

7 (b) CHANGE IN STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
8 DESIGNATED FEDERAL ENTITIES.—Section 8G(e)(2) of
9 the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is
10 amended—

11 (1) by inserting “, is placed on paid or unpaid
12 non-duty status,” after “office”;

13 (2) by inserting “, change in status,” after
14 “any such removal”; and

15 (3) by inserting “, change in status,” after “be-
16 fore the removal”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this section shall take effect 30 days after the date of the
19 enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. PRESIDENTIAL EXPLANATION OF FAILURE TO**
21 **NOMINATE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 33 of
23 title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
24 section 3349d the following new section:

1 **“§ 3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nomi-**
2 **nate an Inspector General**

3 “If the President fails to make a formal nomination
4 for a vacant Inspector General position within the period
5 beginning on the date on which the vacancy occurred and
6 ending on the day that is 210 days after that date, the
7 President shall communicate, within 30 days after the end
8 of such period, to Congress in writing—

9 “(1) the reasons why the President has not yet
10 made a formal nomination; and

11 “(2) a target date for making a formal nomina-
12 tion.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 for chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, is amended
15 by inserting after the item relating to 3349d the following
16 new item:

“3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nominate an Inspector General.”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act and shall apply to any vacancy first oc-
20 ccurring on or after that date.

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